

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DIFLORIO DENNIS M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/ [CBH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/20/2004

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

COMMERCE BANCORP INC, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST
(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 10/20/2004 ⁽¹⁾ | | J | 15 A \$ 56.92 | 317,202 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 25,638 | I | Wife |
| Common Stock ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | 3,845 | I | 104(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 17,473 | I | ESOP Allocation |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Right to Buy ⁽²⁾ | \$ 16.1 | | | | | 12/16/1998 12/16/2007 | Common Stock | 72,340 |
| Right to Buy ⁽²⁾ | \$ 21.85 | | | | | 12/15/1999 12/15/2008 | Common Stock | 55,120 |
| Right to Buy ⁽²⁾ | \$ 19.28 | | | | | 12/21/2000 12/21/2009 | Common Stock | 104,998 |
| Right to Buy ⁽²⁾ | \$ 30.6 | | | | | 01/31/2002 01/31/2011 | Common Stock | 100,000 |
| Right to Buy ⁽²⁾ | \$ 40.12 | | | | | 02/04/2003 02/04/2012 | Common Stock | 75,000 |
| 5.95% Conv Trust Pref Sec of Comm Cap Trust II | ⁽³⁾ | | | | | ⁽³⁾ 03/11/2032 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 1,895 |
| Right to Buy ⁽²⁾ | \$ 42.8 | | | | | ⁽⁴⁾ 02/18/2013 | Common Stock | 18,750 |
| Right to Buy ⁽²⁾ | \$ 58.9 | | | | | ⁽⁴⁾ 02/03/2014 | Common Stock | 18,750 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DIFLORIO DENNIS M
COMMERCE BANCORP INC
1701 ROUTE 70 EAST
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034

Executive
Vice
President

Signatures

Dennis M. 10/22/2004
DiFlorio

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) J Purchase under DRIP.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 1994 and 1997 Employee Stock Option Plans, which are 16b-3 plans.
Each 5.95% Convertible Trust Preferred Security is convertible at any time on or after the occurrence of certain events described below and prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the business day immediately preceding the date of repayment of such preferred security,
(3) whether at stated maturity (i.e. March 11, 2032) or upon redemption, at the option of the holder thereof, into shares of Commerce Bancorp, Inc.'s common stock at an initial conversion ratio of 0.9478 shares of Commerce Bancorp, Inc. common stock for each preferred security, subject to adjustment under certain circumstances.
- (4) The stock options are exercisable in 25% increments on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th anniversaries of the grant date.
- (5) J(9) Clerical Error

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